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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be made of record prior to examination of the above cited application.

In the Specification:

Page 1, under the title, please insert the following:

-- This application is a continuation application of USSN 09/117,823, filed 2 December 1998 which is the §371 national stage entry of PCT/EP97/00523, filed 4 February 1997. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 and 8 to 10.

Please amend the following claims:

7 (amended). A method of treating [treatment or prophylaxis of viral infections] a herpes viral infection in a mammal in need thereof, which method [mammals, such as humans, which] comprises the administration to said mammal of an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising [of] famciclovir monohydrate, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.